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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN DRM (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR):
MONIMA PARTY WITHDRAWS FROM GOVERNMENT

REF: ANTANANARIVO 1106

1. AT MASS MEETING HELD IN ANTANANARIVO JUNE 18, MONIMA
PARTY WAS ADDRESSED BY ITS PRESIDENT, MONJA JAONA, AND BY
OTHER PROMINENT MEMBERS AND WAS INFORMED OF FOLLOWING STEPS
DECIDED UPON BY PARTY LEADERSHIP.

(A) WITHDRAWAL OF MINISTERS AND SRC AND NATIONAL FRONT
MEMBERS. THE FOLLOWING MONIMA MEMBERS OF THE PRESENT REGIME
ARE SUPPOSED TO LEAVE THEIR POSTS:

1. MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (SRC):
TSIHOSONY MAHARANGA AND SAMUEL RALAIDOVY.

2. CABINET MEMBERS:

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DR.M MARIUS RANDRANTO, MINISTER OF LABOR AND CIVIL
SERVICE; GASTON LAHA, MINISTER OF ART AND REVOLUTION-
ARY CULTURE;

3. FROM THE NATIONAL FRONT: ANDRE RAZAFINDRABE,
JAONA REMANINDRY, AND ALPHONSE RELAHY;

4. OTHERS:

- HENRI ANDRIANASOLO, SECRETARY GENERAL, MINISTRY OF ART AND REVOLUTIONARY CULTURE;
- ANDRE RAZAFINDRABE, COUNCELLOR, MINISTRY OF ART AND REVOLUTIONARY CULTURE; (SEE 3 ABOVE);
- 4 GABRIEL RABEARIMANANA, CULTURAL COUNSELLOR AT PRESIDENCY;
- JEANINE RAMBELOSON, COMMISSIONER AT SRC;
- GASTON RABOANA, COUNSELLOR, MINISTRY OF ART AND REVOLUTIONARY CULTURE;
- ANDRIANJAKA RAVELONAHINA, DIRECTOR OF PRPULARIZATION, MINISTRY OF ART AND REVOLUTIONARY CULTURAL;
- LOUIS PAUL RANDRIAMAROLAZA, DIRCTOR OF CULTURE AT THE MINISTRY OF ART AND REVOLUTIONARY CULTURE;
- ARNAULT TOVONAIKO, DIRECTOR OF ARTS, MINISTRY OF ART AND REVOLUTIONARY CULTURE;
- RANAIVOSOA, COUNSELLOR, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORKS.

(B) TAKEOVER OF CERTAIN LANDS: IT WAS ANNOUNCED AT MEETING THAT MONIMA PEASANTS HAD TAKEN OVER 25,000 ACRES OF LAND NEAR TULEAR PRESENTLY OPERATED BY A LARGE DAIRY AND MEAT PACKING FIRM, AND THAT THERE WOULD BE OTHER LAND TAKEOVERS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

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(C) STRIKES: STRIKES WILL BE INSTITUTED IN CERTAIN FIRMS WHERE MONIMA UNIONS ARE CONTROLLING. A FEW FIRMS IN TULEAR AND ANTANANARIVO WERE SPECIFICALLY NAMED.

(D) DENUNCIATION OF NATIONAL DAY CEREMONIES, "FALSE DECENTRALIZATION," PSD HAND IN AREMA, ETC. MONIMA WENT ON RECORD AGAINST LAVISH MASS EXERCISES BEING PLANNED FOR JUNE 26 NATIONAL DAY CEREMONIES, FALSE DECENTRALIZATION EFFECTED BY RECENT ELECTIONS, AND TRIBALISM. UNION OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS REPORTEDLY MADE SAME DENUNCIATION LAST WEEK AFTER BEING ADDRESSED BY JAONA.

2. CROWD MARCHED THROUGH ANTANANARIVO AFTER MEETING, GOING BEFORE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WHERE TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE STILL DEMONSTRATING, WITH MONIMA ENCOURAGEMENT IS NOW SAID. RUMORS NOW FORECAST WIDESPREAD STRIKES.

3. OFFICIAL PRESS BULLETIN GAVE SOME COERAGE TO THIS MEETING, REPORTING WITHDRAWAL OF MONIMA OFFICIALS AND QUOTING JAONA AS HAVING CALLED THE GOVERNMENT "ROTTEN" AT A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE. ARTICLE GIVES CREDIT TO GOVERN-
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MENT FOR NOT HAVING FORBIDDEN THIS MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS GUARANTEE OF LIBERTY OF EXPRESSION. "THE PEOPLE AND HISTORY WILL JUDGE THE DEMAGOGIC ACCUSATIONS MADE... THE CROWD WHICH WATCHED THE MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT MARCH WAS MORE CURIOUS THAN INTERESTED AND DID NOT REACT TO THE VIOLENT PROPOSALS MADE. THE ESCALATION OF DEFECTIONS, CAREFULLY PREPARED BY MONIMA AND CERTAIN MARGINALS FRUSTRATED TO THE POINT OF INTOXICATION, DID NOT HAVE THE EXPECTED EFFECT OF REPEATING THE EVENTS OF MAY 1972."

4. THE ARTICLE ALSO REFERS TO RECENT CIRCULATION OF TRACTS, WHICH IT ATTRIBUTES TO MONIMA. ONE OF THEM, WHICH WE HAVE OBTAINED, ACCUSES PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA AND

HIS FAMILY OF FAR-REACHING CORRUPTION AND PROFITEERING
AND OF STASHING MONEY AWAY ABROAD. THIS IS ACCUSATION
OFTEN HEARD HERE. TRANSLATION OF PAMPHLET FOLLOWS.

5. FURTHER MEETING HELD THIS MORNING WITH ATTENDANCE MOSTLY
OF STUDENTS AND UNEMPLOYED. MONJA JAONA AND OTHER SPEAKERS
CRITICIZED PRESENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, GOVERNMENT'S NEGLECT
OF THE POOR, AND DOMINANT ROLE OF CHINESE AND INDIAN
MERCHANTS. OTHER SPEAKERS URGED SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS
TO BEGIN SIT-IN STRIKES IN THEIR SCHOOLS. SOME OF
DEMONSTRATORS PRESENTLY MARCHING THROUGH CITY WITH JAONA
IN THE LEAD. BARRETT

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